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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: GULF AIR LINES OF DEVELOPMENT AND REEQUIPMENT;

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MUHARRAQ) DEVELOPMENTS

1. REG CIV AIR ATT, REG ECONOMIC OFF AND EMB MANAMA COMMERCIAL OFF MET WITH ALLAN BODGER, GEN MANAGER GULF AIR, AND SAMI GAYED, MEMBER OF GULF AIR BOARD, MAR 6; AND ON MAR 7 WITH SHEIKH ISSA ABDULLAH AL-KHALIFA, DGCA BAHRAIN, TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT GULF AIR AND BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STATUS AND DEVELOPMENT. GULF AIR ATTAINED NET PROFIT 400,000 BAHRAINI DINARS YEAR ENDED SEP 30, 73, QUADRUPLING PROFITABILITY OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. CARRIER, HOWEVER, PREOCCUPIED ABOUT PROFITABILITY CHANCES PRESENT YEAR DUE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUEL COSTS, MATERIAL AND LABOR, AND INTRODUCTORY EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH VC 10'S. AIRLINE SHORTLY ACCEPTING DELIVERY 3 USED BAC VC 10'S ORDERED FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS OVERSEAS DIV WITH DEPLOYMENT OF FIRST 2 IN SCHEDULED SERVICES INDIA-GULF-BEIRUT-LONDON, GULF-BEIRUT, GULF-CAIRO APR 1, 74. AIRLINE FEELING PRESSURE FROM OWNER-STATES TO RAPIDLY REEQUIP WITH WIDEBODIED AIRCRAFT AND BODGER AND, PARTICULARLY, GAYED BELIEVE GULF AIR WIDEBODIED IN-SERVICE DATE COULD BE AS EARLY AS SPRING 1977, WITH ORDERS PLACED 1975. BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDERGOING 4 MIL BAHRAINI DINAR EXPANSION PROGRAM TO COVER RAPIDLY INCREASING WIDEBODIED SERVICES THROUGH BAHRAIN, MAY BE UPGRADED TO CATEGORY 3 ILS CAPABILITY WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

2. DETAILED RESULTS VISIT BEING FORWARDED TO ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS AS AN AIRGRAM.  
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